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Dear Ms. Henney,

We are writing to you to urge the FDA to implement an immediate ban of the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in animals or at least a rapid phase out.

It is clear that the increasing resistance of human disease organisms to antibiotics is exacerbated by the widespread use of antibiotics to promote growth by the livestock industry. This is compromising public health, especially of our children and older people. If the FDA gives more consideration to protecting the public health than the power of the pharmaceutical companies and meat lobby, you will move swiftly to implement policies similar to those of the European Union.

Livestock practices in Europe have demonstrated that restricting antibiotic use to therapeutic use only need not come at the expense of either animal production or consumer prices. And even if it were, it would be a small price to pay to insure that there will continue to be an arsenal of viable antibiotics.

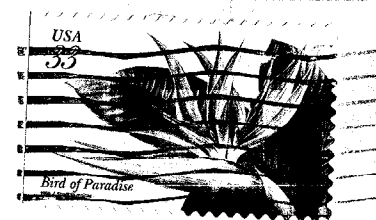
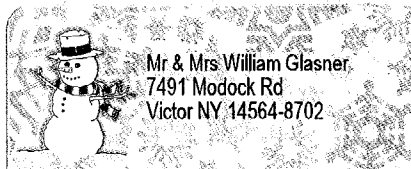
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